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FAMILY LISTING

A photolisting of approved North Carolina families interested in adopting North Carolina's waiting children

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Dear Adoption Advocate:

This is the most recent edition of the NC Kids Family Listing. These families are interested in adopting children with special needs and have been approved for placement. Please review to determine if any of these families might be a suitable placement resource for children in the custody of your agency. If you think one of these families might be a potential match for one of your children, please call NC Kids at the above number (or download additional copies from <http://www.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>). NC Kids has copies of each family's preplacement assessment and would be happy to send you a copy. We are available from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is our hope that when new families are approved to adopt, you will complete the Family Registration Form (DSS-1821) and send it along with a photograph and a copy of the family's preplacement assessment to the address above so they can be added to the Family Listing. We believe that this is a valuable resource in assisting the children of North Carolina in finding a permanent family.

Feel free to circulate this list to all adoption social workers. The Family Listing is updated monthly and can be found at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/proinfo/cw.htm>.

If you have questions or information to share, please feel free to contact us at 877-625-4371.

Sincerely,
Beverley Smith
NC Kids Director

NC KIDS FEATURED FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Meet the Pierce Family...



PIERCE
091-23724

Couple
African American

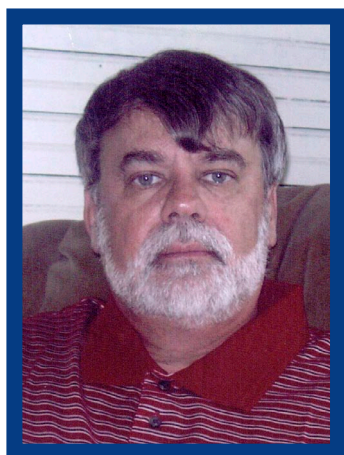
Alicia and Charles are a fun, happy, and hard-working couple hoping to adopt up to five children between birth and ten years of age. They have no preference for race or gender and feel confident in nurturing and raising children with up to moderate challenges in any category. Alicia has some experience as the birth child of a foster parent. Her mother fostered children for many years and they still keep in touch with all of them. They are licensed foster parents and would like to foster-to-adopt.



BAKER
064-21556

Couple
Caucasian

Rob and Julia want to adopt a little boy younger than their birth daughter, who is currently seven years old. They are open to fostering-to-adopt and to contact with birth family. The Baker's combine qualities of a traditional family and lifestyle with their own talents and interests. Church and family are important to Julia, while Rob spends most of his time skate boarding. Rob and Julia are open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges.



BARTON
020-22810

Single
Caucasian

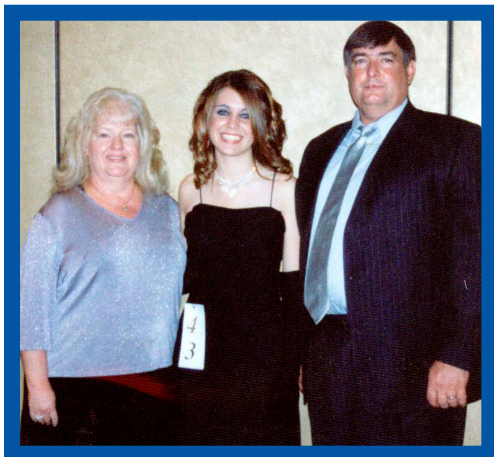
Joe Barton is a retired school teacher with experience working with children with both learning and physical disabilities. After teaching for 29 years, Joe often visits the middle and high schools to keep in touch with former students and colleagues. He hopes to adopt a Caucasian boy of pre- or elementary school age and he will consider a child with mild special needs. Joe's older sister also resides in the home they both grew up in amongst the southern Appalachian mountains. Joe hopes his adopted son will enjoy the wonderful local outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, canoeing, and kayaking. Joe has several goats that live outdoors, as well as two dogs and a cat that live in the house.

BENFIELD
064-20921

Couple
Caucasian

Bill and Tammy Benfield are friendly, caring, and open people. They genuinely love people and have a well-balanced mixture of calm and excitement. The Benfield's are active and enjoy spending time with children. Bill and Tammy have two birth children and are hoping to add two more through adoption. They would like to adopt boys or girls between birth and three years of age. The Benfield's are accepting of several ethnicities and prepared to love and nurture children with minor emotional or learning challenges. Bill and Tammy believe children should feel that they are important and contribute to the family in a positive way.





CONNER
023-23175

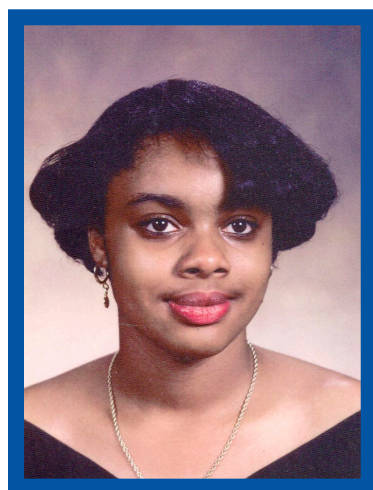
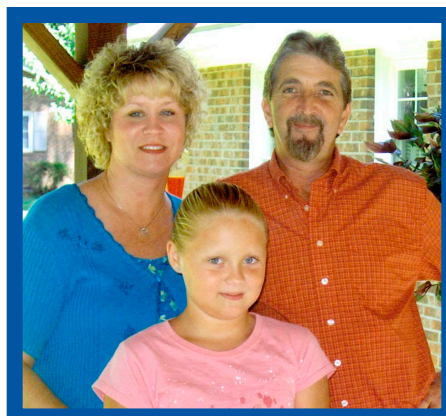
Couple
Caucasian

Rick and Chris Conner have raised two daughters to adulthood and have one more in high school. Chris has owned a daycare center and taught in Sunday school, while Rick voluntarily tutored elementary children in math and English. The Conner's feel that with their combined experience and training, they can successfully and positively raise more children. They would like to adopt one or two Caucasian children, preferably boys, or a brother/sister sibling group between three and fourteen years of age. They feel confident in raising children with mild physical, learning, or mental retardation challenges and up to moderate emotional challenges. The Conner family lives in a large house on twenty acres of farm land that they share with two Saint Bernards, a rabbit, a bird, a poodle, a cat, and two goats.

DANIELS
074-23855

Couple
Caucasian

Michael and Jennifer, who goes by "Lynn", Daniels would like to increase their family by welcoming in a younger brother or sister for their six-year-old birth daughter. The Daniels family hopes to adopt one child of either sex, from birth to five years of age. They would like a Caucasian child, but are open to Asian or a biracial mix of Caucasian/Asian or Caucasian/Hispanic. They are open to a child with no or mild emotional or learning challenges.



DAVIS
064-23052

Single
African American

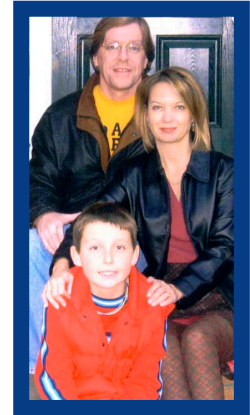
Tamara is warm and friendly woman hoping to foster-to-adopt a boy and/or girl between birth and 7 years of age. She has no ethnic preferences other than that the child speaks English. Because she is currently working towards a bachelor's degree, Tamara prefers a child without severe physical or emotional challenges. She is open to a child with mild physical or emotional challenges and up to severe learning disabilities. Tamara has worked with children in the past and is excited about welcoming a child into her home and heart.



DUFF
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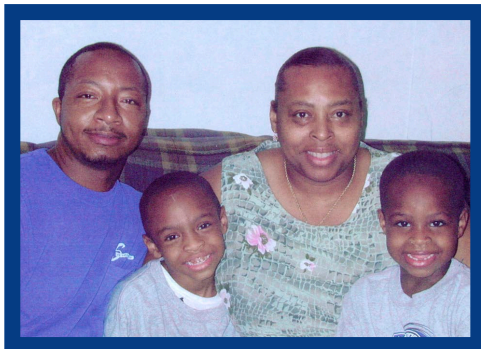
Couple
Caucasian

Terry and Shirley Duff have explored the adoption process at length and understand that a child's individual needs will impact how they approach parenting. With Shirley's experience dealing with parents in crisis in the Special Care Unit at Duke, she understands the child welfare system. She also adopted a child prior to her marriage to Terry who lives with them. Terry's experience as a camp counselor for underprivileged children and his degree in secondary and elementary education will be a bonus in understanding children. The Duff's would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial girl in good physical health with minor emotional disabilities between birth and seven years of age.



EDMUNDSON
064-22692

Couple
African American

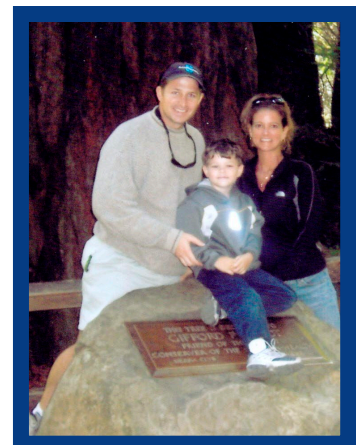


Steve and Mary Edmundson are a delightful and fun couple with a solid relationship. They were high school sweethearts and have grown together as a couple and parents over their twenty years of marriage. They have two birth sons in their home and one adult son not living in the home. Mary is a minister and they are very active with their church. Steve and Mary are interested in fostering-to-adopt one or two little girls aged newborn to two years old. They are open to any race or racial combination and can accept mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Edmondson's are licensed foster parents and open to a legal risk placement.

FORD
035-21066

Couple
Caucasian

Vaughn and Kimberly Ford feel that they have been blessed financially and emotionally and want to give a child a loving and Christian home. They have one birth son and would like the opportunity for him to be a big brother. They indicated that, through MAPP training, they have learned a great deal about issues pertaining to children in the welfare system. The Fords hope to adopt a Caucasian girl under five years of age. They are open to moderate special needs, which they prefer to assess on an individual basis. The Fords do not feel able to accept a child with long-term major medical issues.





HIGHSMITH
041-15218

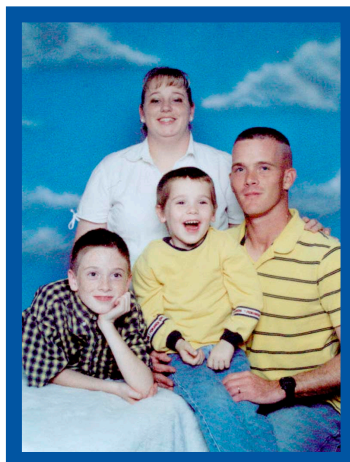
Single
African American

You might say that Gail Highsmith has parenting experience to the max, considering she has raised five birth children and adopted one child. She was also a Guardian ad Litem at one time. Gail is hoping to adopt up to three more children between birth and thirteen years old. Having experienced some special needs through her adopted daughter that include learning challenges, grief/loss issues, PTSD, and lack of social skills, Gail is willing to considering children with these issues or others. She is not prepared for children with sexual reactivity or attachment disorder. Her adopted daughter says Gail is fair and when the work is done, she likes to have fun.

HINDES
090-19998

Couple
Caucasian

Tim and Jodi would like to adopt a Caucasian, Native American, Asian, or Hispanic boy between six and ten years of age. They have experienced international adoption with their son, Daniel, from Korea. Daniel is full of energy and very active and the Hindes' would like him to have a brother to play with. Tim and Jodi have expressed their ability to responsibly care for and love a child with up to moderate challenges in many areas. Tim Hindes is described as family-oriented, flexible, outgoing, joking, and social. Jodi is the nurturing and mild mannered person that tries to please others. The family is very active and enjoys attending church, camping, fishing, reading, and swimming. Tim also enjoys participating in Civil War reenactments.



HOPPER
025-19793

Couple
Caucasian

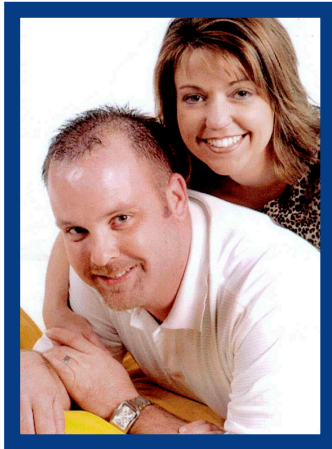
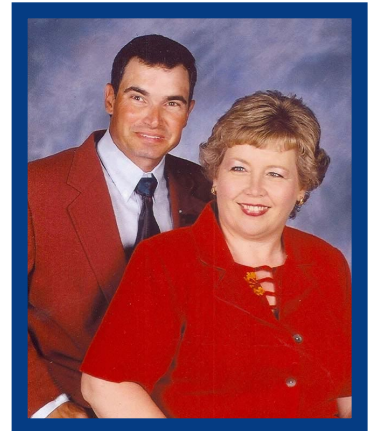
Richard and Becky have so much to offer a child. They are a young and energetic couple with a loving and stable marriage. Having a child with Asperger's Syndrome has given them experience and insight in understanding, loving, and raising children with extreme special needs. They would like to adopt a girl of any ethnicity between age four and eleven to be a sister to their two birth sons. They are open and prepared to love and commit to a child with mild learning or moderate emotional challenges. The family enjoys attending church and church related activities, as well as swimming, playing outside, and riding four-wheelers.



HOUSE
064-22198

Couple
Caucasian

William and Tammy House are a delightful couple who are interested in becoming parents through adoption. They are willing to become foster parents for the purpose of foster-to-adopt placements only. The House's hope to adopt a Caucasian girl between five and ten years of age, but are willing to consider a boy in the same age range. They hope to adopt a relatively healthy child, but are willing to discuss mild physical and emotional challenges. William and Tammy are hardworking, caring, positive, upbeat, dependable, and just plain "good people" who make you feel comfortable in their presence.



JONES
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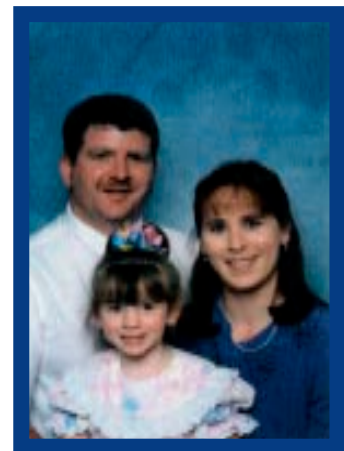
Couple
Caucasian

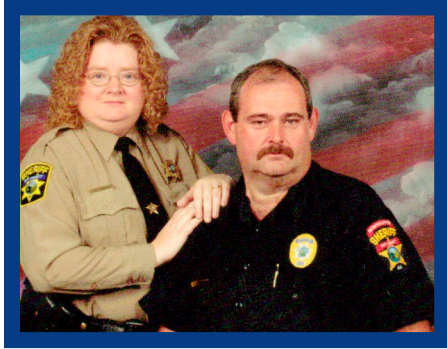
Mike and Gina Jones are that couple who are so welcoming and relaxed that you immediately feel at home. This even applies to the social workers who, when making visits to their foster children, stay longer than necessary because they enjoy the couple so much. Mike and Gina are licensed foster parents, so they have experience with the special needs of children in foster care. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl or sibling group of two children, between birth and six years of age. The Jones' are open to children with mild emotional or learning challenges.

KEITH
063-14152

Couple
Caucasian

Eight-year-old Taylor would like a younger brother from birth to seven years old to share her toy dinosaurs with. Taylor's parents, Ginger and Tony, believe having a brother will be good for Taylor. They hope to provide a loving home for a healthy Caucasian boy, but they believe they can work with a child that has mild emotional or learning disabilities. They do not feel prepared for a child with major physical handicaps or medical conditions, or a child with severe emotional challenges.





LANGLEY
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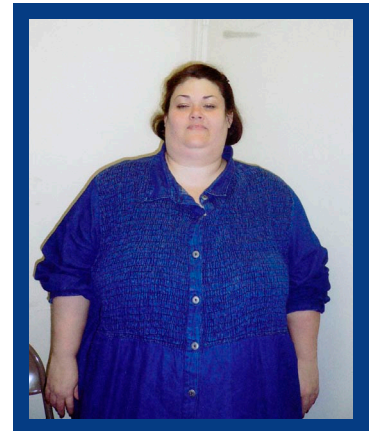
Couple
Caucasian

Mark and Joy Langley would like to adopt a Caucasian, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander/Hawaiian boy or girl between birth and ten years of age. They are open to mild learning, physical, or emotional challenges. Both Mark and Joy work in law enforcement, he as a detention officer and she as a deputy sheriff. The Langleys' believe that their experience with children gives them an advantage. They consider themselves as "caring, but stern", and understand that the discipline must match the child.

LAUGHREY
042-23964

Single
Caucasian

Kimberly Laughrey would like to adopt as many as two children between birth and four years of age. She is open to several ethnicities and possibly mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ms. Laughrey works from home, so she will have more time to spend with her child. She is very family oriented and considers her parents her best friends, although they would prefer that she be married before adopting.

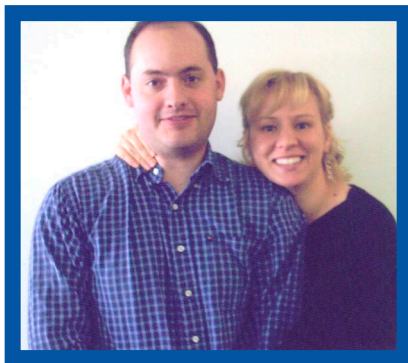


LAWSON
026-22288

Couple
African American

Michael and Angela Lawson would like to adopt an African American girl between one and three years of age. As a little sister to Angela's sons, one of whom lives with them, the Lawsons are open to a legal risk placement. They feel confident in successfully and happily raising a child with an unknown medical and mental health history, and mild medical and mental health issues of the birth family.





LITTLE
018-16152

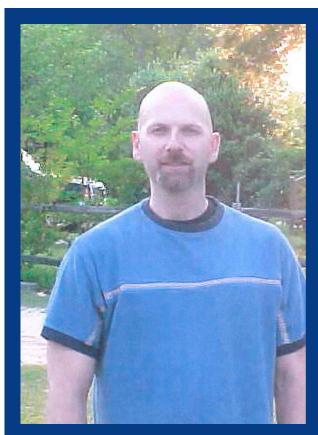
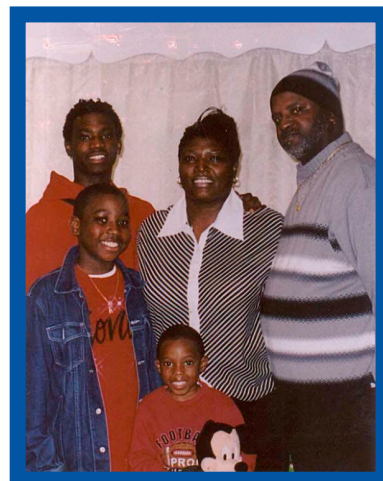
Couple
Caucasian

Walter, or “Ryan” as he prefers to be called, and Christina Little are interested in adopting one child from age five to eleven. They will consider a Caucasian, Asian, Indian, Hispanic, or any combination of Caucasian/biracial child. The Littles’ prefer a female child, but will consider a male. They are open to moderate physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ryan and Christina enjoy sharing activities such as attending church, camping, hiking, water skiing, and watching movies. Ryan plays the piano and Christina sings. Ryan is a licensed pilot and Christina enjoys crafts, swimming, and exercising.

LYLES
090-19697

Couple
African American

Brenda and Lorraine Lyles have one adopted and two birth sons who are reportedly excited and supportive of welcoming another child into their family. The Lyles would like to adopt an African American girl up to five years of age, but will consider a child a little older and are open to a legal risk placement. They are willing to consider a child with some behavior challenges, but no serious emotional or behavioral disorders. They also do not feel able to consider a child who requires constant medical attention. Brenda Lyles is described as friendly, happy, a little “nutty”, compassionate, and talkative. Lorraine is also friendly, outgoing, talkative, and loves to laugh. Their sons are active in sports, school activities, and church.



MAXWELL
026-20090

Single
Caucasian

Kevin Maxwell has a pleasant and welcoming demeanor. He is currently employed at a Christian school where he teaches seventh and eighth grade children. Kevin has worked with and taught special needs children and has worked with children in some capacity for the majority of his life. He lives on a family farm community with extended family surrounding him. Kevin would like to adopt a Caucasian boy between 5 and 10 years of age. He will consider adopting a male sibling if two children are to be adopted together. He is open to a child with moderate emotional and mental needs and mild physical and medical needs.



MCNEILL
026-17157

Couple
African American

Roscoe and Maggie McNeill are a lively and active couple. Roscoe works full time during the day, while Maggie works part-time and will be at home to raise their adoptive child. They have parenting experience with one adult child with disabilities who lives next door, and one child with no special needs. Roscoe and Maggie believe they have a lot to offer a child with mild mental, emotional, or medical needs. They hope to adopt a girl of any racial heritage between birth and age six.



MCINNIS
076-11758

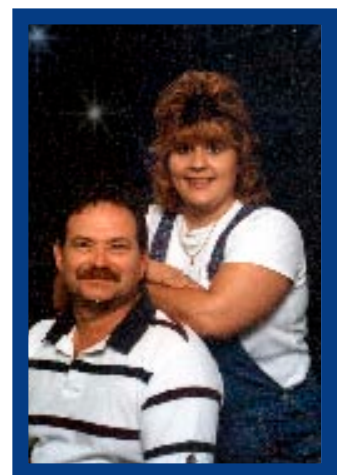
Couple
African American

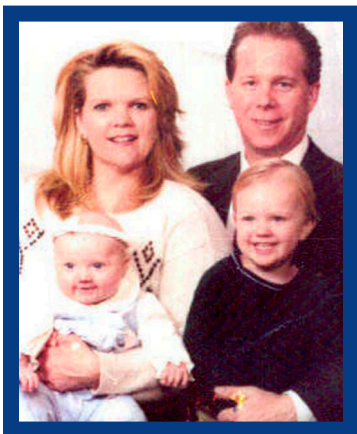
Larry and Julia McInnis would like to adopt one child or a sibling group of two African American or African American/Caucasian boys and/or girls between birth and fourteen years of age. Mild emotional, academic, or medical special needs will be considered. Since there are no other children in the McInnis home, they could be a possible match for only/youngest children. Larry and Julia prefer not to become licensed foster parents as they have already had a couple of disappointments after visiting with children and do not want their hearts broken by the possibility of losing a legal risk child.

MECIMORE
049-14911

Couple
Caucasian

Bruce and Pamela seek to fulfill their dreams of a happy family by adopting up to three siblings from infant to eleven years old. They prefer children of a Caucasian background, but are also open to Latino and American Indian. This loving couple feels prepared for children dealing with mild emotional problems, as well as children with mild learning disabilities. However, they feel less confident regarding children who are physically or mentally handicapped. Bruce and Pamela believe that a good education is necessary for children to succeed and are ready to help their future children with the guidance and resources they will need. The couple's lifestyle is centered around family and work. They love to go camping and care for their pets. Bruce has an adult son from a previous marriage and both have had other experiences working with children. They are prepared and eager to share their lives and their home.





MILLER
060-17470

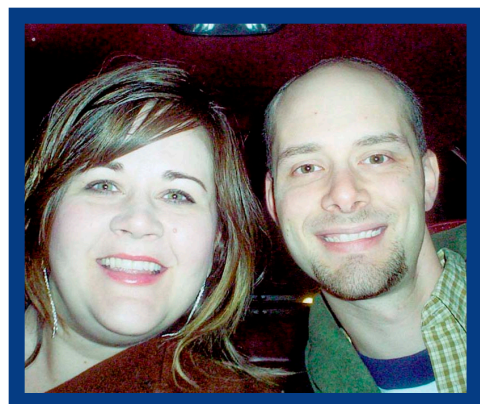
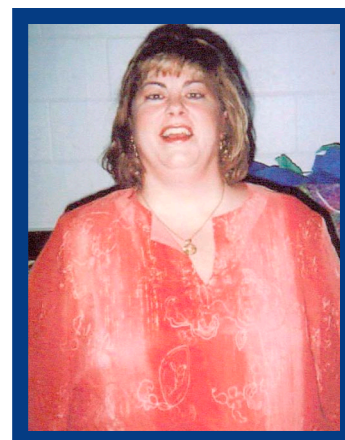
Couple
Caucasian

The Millers are already the biological parents to two birth children and feel that they have much more to offer other children. They have a unique perspective on adoption, as Julie was adopted. Her adoptive mother died when she was sixteen, so Julie understands the loss and grief children in foster care go through. She has also had contact with her birth mother and understands those issues, as well. Julie and Joe hope to adopt up to three children between birth and twelve years of age. They are an active family and feel confident in successfully raising and loving boys and/or girls with mild to moderate emotional challenges and moderate learning challenges. They are open to mixed racial backgrounds.

MORRIS
098-23949

Single
Caucasian

Ginger Morris would like to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl between birth and five years old. She is open to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. Ginger understands the needs of children in care through her MAPP training class. She has experienced loss in her own life, so Ginger feels she has a better understanding of the necessary resources needed to help meet the needs of potential children placed in her home.



MURDOCK
035-17065

Couple
Caucasian

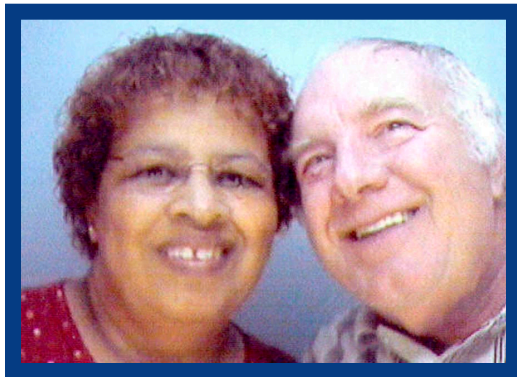
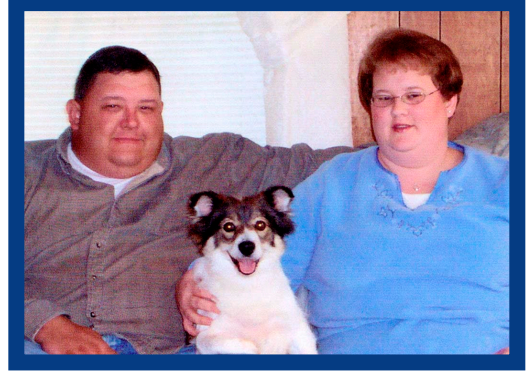
Michael and Stephanie Murdock are pursuing or have been licensed as foster parents. While they might prefer one or two children younger than five, they are open to any race or age. They feel comfortable adopting children with mild physical or emotional challenges and up to moderate learning challenges. Both Michael and Stephanie have Bachelor's degrees in Biblical Studies, while Michael is completing a master's degree. Stephanie is a part-time Nanny for three children, but will stop working when they adopt a child.



OWENS
039-22865

Couple
Caucasian

Chris and Wendy Owens are a happy couple who enjoy fishing, swimming, and playing with their dogs. They are lovable, outgoing, and fun-loving and would like to adopt a boy or girl of any ethnicity between birth and ten years of age. Wendy has experience fostering and has been her church's youth director for 10-18 year olds for the past year. They are licensed and prepared for a legal risk or foster-to-adopt child with mild to moderate challenges.



PARTIN
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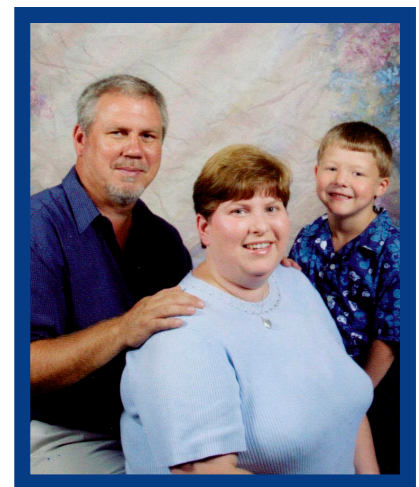
Couple
African American & Caucasian

Elbert and Lynda Partin have each raised two daughters, both now grown with their own families. They would like to adopt a school-aged girl between eight and seventeen years of age. They have no ethnic preferences, but feel they are qualified and eager to adopt a biracial child with very mild challenges. The Partins live on a small farm with lots of animals, including one cat, some fish, and two birds indoors, and goats, turkeys, chickens, roosters and other birds outdoors. The family loves to travel and looks forward to sharing their time-shares with their new family member.

PERKINSON
042-19500

Couple
Caucasian

Tammy and William Perkinson have experienced adopting one child with special needs and hope to adopt a little sister or brother for him. They are open to a variety of ethnic backgrounds and up to mild physical, emotional, or learning challenges. The Perkinson's are familiar with available resources and how they benefit special needs children. Tammy is a registered psychiatric nurse at a local hospital and has experience with behavior problems. The Perkinson's are a caring, loving, and nurturing family and are recommended to adopt another child.





PITTS
034-9432

Couple
Caucasian

David and Phyllis are licensed foster parents who are willing to accept a legal risk placement. They hope to adopt a Caucasian boy or girl, or up to two children, between two and twelve years of age. Children with mild special needs (emotional, academic, behavioral, or medical) will be considered. The Pitts' both feel that parents of special needs children have a responsibility to teach the child how to break the cycles of abuse and neglect so the child can move on to become a good parent and successful person. They understand the importance of building trust with the child and helping the child feel safe and secure with them.

SHAW
026-13097

Couple
Caucasian & African American

William and Constance Shaw are a loving, open-minded couple who would like to adopt up to four children from birth to age ten. They have no real preference for gender or race, but they would like to adopt a biracial Caucasian/African American child if available. The Shaw's fostered a child with fairly severe mental, physical, and developmental challenges. They feel they are prepared and able to adopt children with up to moderate physical, emotional, learning, or mental retardation challenges. The Shaw's enjoy going to the mountains, the beach, and panning for gold. They also enjoy sharing time with friends.



SHERBERT
025-18671

Couple
Hispanic & Caucasian

Having been adopted himself, Kevin Sherbert is looking forward to giving that opportunity to another child. He and his wife, Dina, have experience with children through their church and the youth group there. They hope to adopt up to two Caucasian or Hispanic boys and/or girls with possibly mild emotional, physical, or learning challenges. Kevin would like to share his woodworking skills and love for making furniture with their adopted child/ren.

SHERROD
032-19867

Single
African American

Shuphora Sherrod is a friendly and very likable woman. She is an experienced foster parent who would like to adopt a child or sibling group of up to four children. Ms. Sherrod has no gender or ethnicity preferences and will consider the special needs of each on an individual basis. Compatibility and "fit" are the most important criteria to Shuphora. She has a strong support system, including her mother, who is a therapeutic foster parent. Shuphora enjoys being a member of a motorcycle club, going to movies, home improvement projects, working out at the gym, and entertaining friends. She is aware that her life will change in remarkable ways when she welcomes a child into her family and she is prepared for those changes. Shuphora plans to continue fostering children, so her adopted child must be compatible with other children.



SIMPSON
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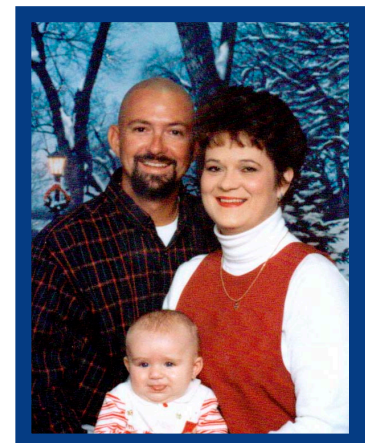
Single
Caucasian

Rosemary and her birth daughter, Savannah, are looking forward to adopting a sister for Savannah between two and nine years old. Rosemary is a licensed foster parent and prefers a foster-to-adopt child of Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent. She is open to a child with up to moderate emotional or learning challenges. Savannah would like to introduce her new sister to the joys of acrobatics, acting, and Girl Scouts.

STANLEY
010-16301

Couple
Caucasian

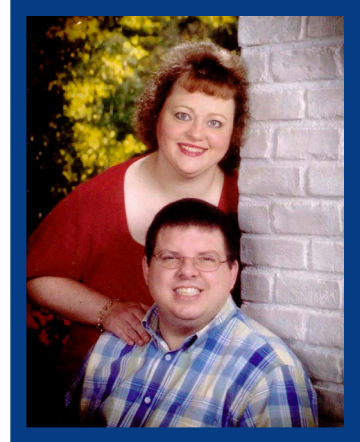
Being foster parents has been a valuable experience for Jamie and Kim Stanley. They fostered a sibling group of four brothers from age one to twelve in hopes of adopting them. The decision to place the boys in another county was heartbreaking for the Stanleys, but they understood and accepted that it was in the best interest of the children. Jamie and Kim have adopted a girl and hope to adopt two more children of any race or gender between birth and twelve years of age. They are open to children with mild physical or moderate emotional or learning challenges.



STAPLEFORD
074-22620

Couple
Caucasian

David and Kristin Stapleford would like to adopt a Caucasian infant from birth to two years of age, although they might consider up to four years old. They are open to possible mild physical or learning challenges. The Staplefords enjoy going to movies, eating at special restaurants, and going to UNC basketball games. David loves tinkering with gadgets, while Kristin enjoys reading and her stint coaching their church's cheerleading squad.



TEAGUE
019-17082

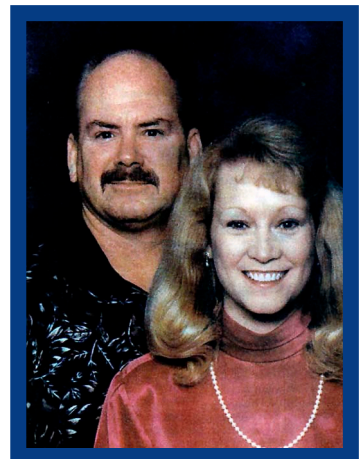
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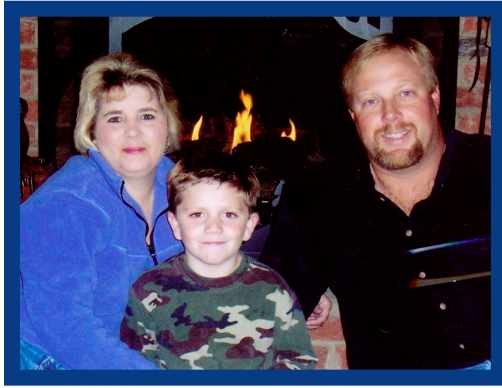
Having parented young Cody all of his sixteen years, James and Tracy Teague feel they have the time, experience, resources, and commitment to adopt a school-aged Caucasian boy or girl, five to twelve years old. The Teagues are an open, loving, happy, fun Christian family and would like to welcome a child with minimal challenges, although they are willing to discuss children on an individual basis.

WADDLE/ZIEMER
032-8346

Couple
Caucasian

With backgrounds in veterinary medicine, it is no wonder that Jerry Waddle and Ellen Ziemer would own a large horse farm where they breed and raise horses. They have two birth children nearly grown and one adopted child from Guatemala. They have already demonstrated the ability to attach to a child who is not their biological child through slowly building trust and meeting needs. They hope to adopt a Caucasian, Hispanic, or Native American boy or girl between three and eight years old. Jerry and Ellen feel confident in raising a child with zero-to-mild physical, learning, or emotional challenges.





WHALEY
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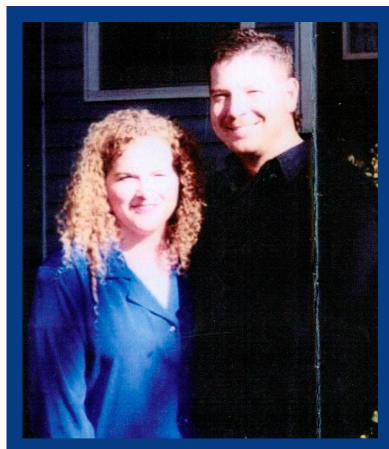
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Michael and Melissa have known each other since elementary school when Melissa told her mother she would marry Michael. Many years later, she did just that. Having already adopted one child, the Whaley's are both experienced and very excited about adopting another to add to their loving family. They would like to adopt a Caucasian or biracial Hispanic/Caucasian boy or girl between birth and four years of age. Michael and Melissa hope to adopt a child who is in good health, or who has minor correctable health needs.

WIDENER
034-8416

Couple
Caucasian

William and Linda Widener have been licensed foster parents since 2004. They have a great deal of parenting experience with their birth daughter, who will be in college. William and Linda also have plenty of experience working with the school system and ensuring that all resources have been utilized in advocating for their daughter's learning disability. They will ensure that an adopted child will receive whatever resources he or she requires. The Widener's would like to adopt one or two girls between three and fifteen years of age. They are open to a wide range of ethnicities and feel confident in loving, supporting, and successfully raising children with mild physical or learning challenges and up-to-moderate emotional challenges.



WILLIAMS
001-22991

Couple
Caucasian

Mike and Kari would like to adopt up to three children of either gender, between one and nine years old. They would prefer two male and one female siblings, as young as possible. They feel best equipped to parent healthy children, but are fully prepared to provide the children with all appropriate resources should any medical or developmental needs arise. Mike and Kari are a loving couple who share many common interests and a common set of values. They have a wonderful support system of friends and family who are available to offer them guidance and advice.



ZEEK
025-19273

Couple
Caucasian

Donald and Leslie have much to offer an adoptive child. Their own upbringings have enhanced their knowledge and understanding about the needs of children. Leslie's birth daughter lives with them, while her birth son lives with his father and visits frequently. The birth son has emotional and mental health issues. They believe that their faith and experience gives them the strength and commitment to love and help another child. They hope to adopt a girl of any ethnicity between five and twelve years old. The Zeek's feel well-equipped to deal with the issues of a child with mild physical, moderate learning, or up to severe emotional challenges.



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